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To their most sacred Majesties the Royal

KING and QUEEN.

And His *Majesty's* most Gracious

ANSWER.

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Gracious Sovereign,

IT having pleaſed Almighty God, in whoſe Hand is the Breath of the greateſt Monarch, to Remove by Death our late gracious King thy Royal Father, an Affliction in which we thy dutifull Subjects deeply ſhare, as ſenſible that his Reign was one continued Bleſſing to all his People, and in which we enjoy'd not only the Indulgences granted us in the Reigns of his Royal Predeceſſors, but all freſh Marks of his own Clemency and Goodneſs; we having therefore great and juſt Cauſe to condole the Loſs of a Prince ſo gracious and beneficent, But when we Conſider that the Mercifull Hand of Divine Providence hath placed ſo peaceably on the Throne a Son, the Succeſſour of his Royal Virtues, (the earneſt whereof we behold with Pleaſure during the ſhort Experience of thy prudent Adminiſtration when Regent) it is Cauſe ſufficient to abate our Greif and aſſwage our Sorrow: And the Hopes we then conciv'd are fullyconfirmed by the gracious Declaration from the Throne, to make all thy Subjects happy and ſecure in the full Enjoyments of their Religious and Civil Rights. Wherefore Great Prince, we, though a ſmall Part of thy dutiful Subjects, humble beg Leave to approach thy Royal Preſence with ſincere and hearty Congratulations on thy aſcending the Britiſh Throne in perfect Tranquility, and to declare our entire Affection and dutiful Obedience to thy Royal Perſon aud Government, as our Chriſtian and peaceable Principle enjoyns. And we greatly hope thy Hand will be the happy Inſtrument to finiſh that good Work, begun by thy Royal Father, of claming and compoſing the Differences of Europe, & preventing the Calamities of War which were ſo lately threatned.

We alſo humbly beg Leave to expreſs the joyfull Senſe impreſs'd upon our Minds of the Princely Virtues of our gracious Queen thy Royal Conſort. and of the pleaſing Proſpect of your numerous aud hopeful Iſſue, who whilſt they are ſhining and illuſtrious Ornaments around the Throne, are valuable Pledges of the future Peace and Security of theſe Kingdoms.

May the Almighty and Allwiſe God ſhower down on thy Royal Head and Family His Divine as well as Temporal Bleſſings. May He by His Wiſdom guide thee in thy Counſels, to the promoting of Religion and Virtue, the ſupport of the Proteſtant Cauſe in general, and the Good of all thy

Subjects

Subjects. And may the Weight and Care usually annex'd to a Crown, be lightned and made easy by the dutiful and chearful Obedience of a great & free People,

Sign'd in behalf of the said People, London, the 12th of the 5th Month called July, 1727.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to give the following most gracious Answer.

THis dutiful and loyal Address is very acceptable to Me, and you may depend upon my Protection.

They afterwards waited on the Queen and Mr. John Eccleston made the following Speech.

May it please our Gracious Queen,

AS we have been favoured with the liberty of Access to our gracious King, to condole the Death of his Royal Father, to congratulate His Accession to the the British Throne; and to the tender Assurances of our Affection and Fidelity to his royal Person and Government. We beg Leave with great difference humbly to approach thy Royal Presence on the same solemn Occasions, which we now do with all the affection and regard due from dutiful and obedient Subjects.

Gracious Queen.

May thy Enjoyment of the Royal dignity be long and happy, and may our present gracious King long posses the British throne in peace, till future Time and Matury of Years shall transfer it in Safety to your Royal and hopeful Offspring, form'd and nurtut'd for Goverment by the virtueous Care to fit Examples to-futer Princes, a Blessing to late Posterity, and the effect Security under Divine Providence of our present happy Constitution.

To which her Majesty was pleased to give a very gracious Answer.

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